

## Once Again

we ask co-operation of those persons supplying copy to the *Labor Clarion*. The issue of FEBRUARY 7 will be "put to bed" on February 4. That means that to insure publication of their news material it will be necessary that the copy reaches the *Labor Clarion's* office not later than 12 noon February 3. The February 7 issue will be the "Anniversary Number."

## Proposed Merger of Paper Workers Seen

FORT SEWARD, N. Y. (ILNS)—John P. Burke, president of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers, announced at union headquarters here that he would propose merger of his organization with the International Brotherhood of Paper Makers.

President Burke, whose union has a membership of 104,000 in the United States and Canada, said the consolidation offer had been made by Matthew J. Burns, president of the paper makers. The latter union has a membership of 54,000.

No action can be taken, Burke added, until his union's convention in Milwaukee in September. A spokesman for Burns at headquarters in Albany said the paper makers' president had advocated the merger for several years and that members had endorsed the proposal at their last annual convention.

## Labor Secretary Schwollenbach Will Speak Out on Labor Bills

WASHINGTON (USLD)—In the matter of Labor legislation, the Secretary of Labor will attempt co-operation with Congress, he told newsmen at a press conference this week.

"My attitude," Secretary Schwollenbach declared, "in reference to Labor legislation in this session of congress is going to be one of attempted co-operation with the congress. I take it that members of congress feel that they have a mandate from the people to minimize Labor disputes and insofar as it may be possible to work out legislation which will result in achieving that objective, I am going to co-operate with them. The fact that a bill may have been introduced by a Republican member of the House or the Senate is not going to prejudice the position which the department is going to take in reference to the bill."

## Idea Pays Off

Henry Higuere, 1617 Keith street, a 37-year-old rigger at San Francisco Naval Shipyard, has been awarded a \$200 Beneficial Work Suggestion prize for devising a system for halving and setting up the huge wooden keel blocks under vessels dry-docked at the Hunter's Point Shipyard. A home-owner himself, Higuere's novel idea to aid home builders has resulted in a big decrease in the lumber necessary for keel blocks. The half-sized blocks can be set in drydocks with a saving at the shipyard of 29 man-days work each month and 22,000 board feet of timber per year—enough lumber to build two single-family homes.

## New Offices for Printers

New business offices for San Francisco Typographical Union, No. 21, are being readied for occupancy on the entire eighth floor of 709 Mission street at the southwest corner of Mission and Third streets. The union will open for business at the new location on Monday, January 27. The telephone number will remain as at the present, GARfield 6722. President Baker and Secretary MacLeod feel that the new location will meet with the approval of the membership, as the offices are modern in every respect and the location can be easily reached from the city's printing establishments.

## Philly Meat Cutter Raised

PHILADELPHIA (AFLN)—Some 600 meat cutters in stores in eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware are covered by terms of a new one-year contract signed by the Philadelphia unit of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co. and the Joint Council of Meat Cutters of Philadelphia and Vicinity (AFL). The new contract provides wage increases of approximately 31 per cent for all workers.

## Year-Round Battle

The 1947 "March of Dimes" runs through a 16-day period, ending January 30. But throughout the year infantile paralysis attacks daily—and our doctors and scientists are still on the offensive against the malady. For a short time this month we are afforded the opportunity to furnish year-round ammunition—to pit our dimes and dollars against a ruthless enemy of the Nation and its children.

The polio virus is one of the most dreaded foes of American families. It strikes swiftly, silently, with scarcely perceptible warning, eating away nerve centers, wasting muscles, maiming limbs, taking lives. Without unstinting contributions each year to the "March of Dimes," the average American family would stand helpless against the onslaughts of polio.

Infantile paralysis presents a formidable picture in any family budget. The cost of caring for a patient averages about \$1,000 a year—some cases up to \$12,000—and stretching over extended periods of five, 10 and more years—involving hospitalization, oftentimes surgery, in most cases physical therapy treatments, muscle substitution training and vocational rehabilitation.

Contributions to the "March of Dimes" have made possible a bulwark against financial anguish when polio strikes. Through gifts to the "March of Dimes," the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis will be enabled to fulfill its pledge of care and treatment for every polio victim, regardless of age, race, creed, color or lack of finances. These dimes wage a great defensive war. More, they lead a frontal attack in research, allowing men of medicine to be ever on the quest for better treatments and an eventual cure.

Last year our dimes marched against one of the most disastrous polio epidemics to sweep the Nation since 1916, the worst in our country's history. When the final tally for 1946 is complete, indications are that it will exceed 20,000 victims.

It is gratifying to know our gifts helped alleviate the mental and physical suffering of these victims and their families. It must be with added determination to win the fight against the dread malady that we pledge ourselves to support more fully than ever before the current "March of Dimes."

## Portal Pay Letter

The text of President William Green's letter to AFL affiliates outlining policy with regard to the portal-to-portal pay issue is as follows:

"In recent weeks, wide publicity has been given to court actions filed by certain Labor unions in an attempt to recover back pay for their members for travel time and other time spent on employer's property, such as changing clothes and preparing for work, claiming this to be time worked within the meaning of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938.

"Very few of these suits have been brought by unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. It is the long-established policy of the AFL to rely upon collective bargaining through direct negotiations between unions and employers to settle differences between them regarding wages, hours and working conditions of the workers concerned. What constitutes time worked for the purpose of figuring straight-time and overtime compensation can best be determined by Labor and management over the bargaining table.

"Any union or any employer operating under a contract mutually agreed upon, is under obligation first to present to the other party to the agreement any question that may arise regarding the terms of that agreement. Appeal to authority before all the voluntary means of resolving differences have been exhausted, invites invasion of the right of Labor and management to contract about their affairs. Such, untimely and unwarranted resort to administrative or judicial intervention is inconsistent with the mutual rights and responsibilities established by employers and unions through private contract in a free society.

"All national and international unions affiliated with the Metal Trades Department of the AFL and a number of other AFL affiliates have officially declared it to be their policy to make the definition of time worked, within the meaning of the Fair Labor Standards Act or otherwise, subject to collective bargaining negotiations in preference to litigation. National and international unions affiliated with the AFL are free to make their own policy determination in this matter. However, it is important for all affiliated unions to have full factual information about the questions involved in this problem."

## Mr. Commissioner

seems fast becoming a standing head in this publication. Nevertheless, it is a pleasure to report that still another person prominent in the AFL movement of San Francisco has been chosen as a member of a city commission. This time Claude H. Jinkerson was the man chosen by Mayor Lapham. Mr. Jinkerson will serve as a member of the Public Welfare Commission for a four-year term. He is the popular secretary of Grocery Clerks' Union, No. 648, and serves as a delegate from his union to the San Francisco Labor Council. This is not Mr. Jinkerson's first introduction to civic work, for he was a former member of the local Grand Jury.

## Locals Quit CIO Union Over Communist Issue

PITTSBURGH (ILNS)—Locals of the United Public Workers of America, CIO, in four cities, have withdrawn from the organization, on the ground that it has failed to obey the mandate of CIO conventions to oust Communist elements.

Elmer A. C. Holland, president of Postoffice Local 258, said his union acted after receiving information that postal workers in Chicago, Detroit and Duluth had taken the same step a few hours previously.

E. J. Maloney, a local official and a railway mail clerk here for nine years, said:

"The postoffice workers do not want their loyalty to their government questioned, and the communistic policies and tendencies of the United Public Workers has placed many of these employees in a misunderstood and sinister position."

## Responsibility for Safety Now That of the States

LOUISVILLE (USLD)—The important job of helping management and Labor to promote industrial safety is now the responsibility of the States, where it belongs, according to Keen Johnson, Under Secretary of Labor. Speaking for the Secretary of Labor in presenting Certificates of Safety Achievement to plants of the Reynolds Metals Co., the Labor Department official commended the efforts of State Labor commissioners in carrying on the important safety work which was headed up by the federal government during the war. The Division of Labor Standards of the Department of Labor, he said, will continue to co-operate with the States and with industry in setting up safety programs and standards, training safety leaders and improving industrial safety conditions.

## Shelley on Round Table Group

At the request of the San Francisco Round Table in conjunction with the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Inc., Labor Council President John F. Shelley accepted an invitation to serve on a year-round program committee of the group. The Round Table group is planning an expanding program through local organizations, civic and community, educational and religious. The first task undertaken by the group will be that of stimulating and co-ordinating American Brotherhood Week in February. President Shelley has also endorsed the work of the national conference.

## Notice Served on Congress

WASHINGTON (ILNS)—Relentless opposition to the flood of anti-Labor bills now being introduced in Congress was expressed at the Joint Legislative Conference of the American Federation of Labor and the Railroad Brotherhoods held at AFL headquarters here. The conference was attended by more than 75 legislative representatives of AFL unions and the four independent brotherhoods. A feature of the meeting was a slashing attack on the Ball bill by AFL President William Green, who declared it would provoke industrial "discord and strife."

## Free Naturalization Classes

Persons interested in naturalization classes should avail themselves of the opportunity offered at Continuation School. Free naturalization classes will be conducted daily, Saturday and Sunday excepted, from 1 to 3 o'clock afternoons. The school is located on Mission street, near Sixteenth street.



## Radio Artists Granted Pay Raises in Chicago

CHICAGO (AFLN)—It has been announced by Raymond Jones, executive secretary of the Chicago American Federation of Radio Artists (AFL), that agreements have been reached between his organization and five local broadcasting stations whereby wage increases ranging from 20 to 33 per cent would be granted studio performers and helpers. Wage increases will affect approximately 600 persons employed by WGN, WENR, WMAQ, WBBM and WKS and will be retroactive to November 1, 1946.

### AFL Radio Program

Senator Wayne Morse (Republican, Oregon), Russell Smith of the National Farmers' Union, and Boris Shishkin, American Federation of Labor, will participate on KPO-NBC's "America United" broadcast Sunday, January 26, 10 a. m., PST. The program will be presented by the American Federation of Labor and will discuss "Is the Guaranteed Annual Wage Practical?"

### Farm Income at New High

WASHINGTON (ILNS)—American farmers set another record last year when they marketed their products for an estimated \$24,100,000,000, or 16 per cent above their 1945 income, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reported. Removal of price restrictions helped them do it, it added. Crop output in 1946 was the largest on record.

### ILO Governing Body Meeting

MONTREAL (ILNS)—The Governing Body of the International Labor Organization will hold its 101st session at Geneva, Switzerland, March 5 through March 8, it was announced at ILO headquarters here. The Governing Body will deal with a 16-point agenda.

## Purchasing Facts

### BALL-POINT PENS

You can now get a reasonably good ball-point pen—if you are willing to pay the price. Competition has reduced prices generally, but the three ball-point pens rated highest by CU are still in the \$12.50 to \$15 bracket.

At best, ball point pens will write easily though without much character, will make carbon copies, write for a long time without refilling, and require no blotting. CU's examination showed a high percentage of samples which would either not write at all or wrote so erratically that they could not be considered "Acceptable" even for occasional use.

The best of the ball-point pens tested was the *Sheaffer Stratowriter*. Among lower priced pens which were fairly good were—*Fieldston Re-Tract-O*, *Blythe*, and *Bedell*.

## U. S. Coal Car Shortage Held Worst in 24 Years

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—The worst coal car shortage experienced in the United States in 24 years is being felt at this time, the Association of American Railroads reported here.

The most immediate solution, one source said, would be an order from President Truman giving top priority to manufacture and delivery of new coal freight cars. Thousands of miners have been thrown out of work temporarily due to the rail car shortage, it was reported.

### Christmas Temporaries

SAN FRANCISCO (USLD)—The 168,000 increase in government employees in November-December, 1946, comprise chiefly the Christmas post office "temporaries."

## Contempt Case Against Lumber Workers Dropped

SAN FRANCISCO (CFLN)—The long, drawn-out fight between the Lumber and Sawmill Workers and the nine struck lumber mills in Humboldt County shifted to Sonoma county when a request for an injunction against picketing was filed in the Sonoma County Superior Court, and issued. Later, a contempt citation was obtained against a member who was alleged to be the picket captain in charge of certain picketing which was entirely peaceful. The citation sought to bring in an international representative who has been very active in the fight, as well as the Redwood District Council and one of the local unions.

Neither the international representative nor either of the organizations was shown to have had any connection whatsoever with the picketing. In spite of this fact, attorneys for the plaintiff tried for a whole week in the Sonoma County Superior Court to find some evidence which would convict them of contempt of court.

While the contempt hearing was going on, Clarence E. Todd, attorney for the Lumber and Sawmill Workers, filed with the Supreme Court a petition for a writ of prohibition to prevent the Superior Court from going any further with the contempt proceedings. A day or two later, after this petition was filed, the Superior Court dismissed the proceeding. This shattered the campaign to intimidate the workers and represents an outstanding victory for the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union. The Supreme Court will consider the writ of prohibition for the benefit of the sole remaining defendant in the very near future.

### S. A. Extends Service

Extension of Salvation Army Community Service to every San Francisco residential and industrial district was announced this week by the Salvation Army officials. Because of the rapid growth of the city and due to the inevitable post-war spiritual and material let-down, Army authorities have long recognized the need for more personalized service to the community. The plan, as it is now operating under the over-all chairmanship of Henry J. Budde, prominent San Francisco publisher, has as its base some 60 area committees which work under the direction of a committee chairman who has volunteered to lend his efforts for the betterment of the district in which he resides.

### Nine-Week-Old Strike Ended

ROCHESTER, N. Y. (ILNS)—Local 15, International Typographical Union, has voted approval by 141 to 51 of the terms of a new contract offered by the management of the Gannett newspapers to end the newspaper strike here, which had gone into its ninth week. The settlement gives the printers an increase of \$16 weekly, bringing their scale to \$74 for day work and \$79 for night work. It also provides retroactive pay of \$200 for day workers and \$214 for night men. The scale will go into effect when the men return to work and the new contract will continue for one year from that date, said Bertram W. Kelly, president of the local.

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## Clarification Given Disputed Sick Claims

The following communication has been forwarded to all affiliated organizations of the California State Federation of Labor relative to disability insurance claims where a dispute has arisen as to where the injury is industrial. The letter reads as follows:

"In accordance with many requests presented to the organization with reference to the action that should be taken as far as claiming disability insurance is concerned where the injured workman contends the injury is industrial but payment on such basis under the Workmen's Compensation Laws is disputed on the grounds it is not industrial, please be advised that it is our belief the injured workman should both file an application for workman's compensation and for disability insurance.

"In order, however, to prevent any possible allegation of fraud, it is suggested that a statement as to the existence of the dispute be attached to the claim for disability insurance filed by the claimant.

"For convenience, counsel for the State Federation of Labor has drafted a proposed form which is enclosed. It is suggested that since you best know your needs that you prepare adequate copies of the form to distribute to the interested workmen.

"If you have any questions in regard to this matter, please contact this office and we will be glad to assist in every way possible.

"C. J. HAGGERTY, Secretary."

Following is the proposed form Mr. Charles Scully drafted and to which Mr. Haggerty makes reference above:

FORM TO BE ATTACHED TO CLAIM FOR DISABILITY INSURANCE WHERE DISPUTE EXISTS WHETHER THE INJURY IS INDUSTRIAL

With reference to Questions 26, 27 and 28 on Form DE-2501 Disability Claim, I was injured in connection with my work with

Name of Employer..... on Date .....

and have claimed the injury is compensable under the Workmen's Compensation Laws but the liability has been disputed and no payments made to date.

Accordingly, I am likewise filing this claim for disability insurance benefits.

Signature.....

## Huge Program Printing Job

LOS ANGELES—The American Bowling Congress tournament, "world's largest and longest sporting event," which opens in the local armory in Exposition Park March 20, will require the printing of the world's largest official program, it was announced. Listing over 6,000 five-man teams comprising more than 30,000 individual contestants, together with schedules of play for the entire 60-day tournament, the program will also carry over 500 pages of editorial matter of top interest to contestants and bowlers generally. (EDITOR'S NOTE: Nothing was said about the Allied Printing Trades Council Label appearing on the program, but we will bet a lopsided bowling ball that the L. A. council will be right on the job to see that the program is printed under union conditions.)

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## Deaths in Labor's Ranks

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Hughes, David—January 15; Typographical 21.  
MacDonald, Mary H.—January 15; Grocery Clerks' 648.  
Rash, William C.—January 16; Elevator Operators' 117.  
Anderson, Estelle M.—January 16; Hospital-Institution-  
al Workers' 250.

Rebhan, Nellie—January 18; Laundry Workers' 26.  
Young, John J.—January 18; Cigar-Liquor Clerks' 1089.  
Harris, Joseph Diaz—January 17; Boilermakers' 6.  
Matthies, Stephen—January 18; Amalgamated Meat Cut-  
ters.

Rickard, Joseph G.—January 20; Typographical 21.  
Hart, William S., Sr.—January 20; Machinists' 68.  
Evans, Harold E.—January 20; Sheet Metal Workers' 6.  
Powell, Ival E.—January 21; Hotel Service 283.

OUTSIDE SAN FRANCISCO

Flinn, William—In Santa Cruz January 17; Teamsters' 85.

Brooks, Charles William—In Berkeley January 19; Seattle Typographical Union.

## Record Production Year Seen in Heavy Industry

NEW YORK CITY (AFLN)—Most branches of the non-ferrous industry expect and hope for a record year of production in 1947.

They expect demand to remain at peak levels and production to top 1946 figures, according to The Associated Press.

They hope that critical shortages in copper and lead will be whittled down, that tin will become more plentiful, that Labor-management disputes can be avoided, that world markets will supply enough foreign metals to make up the deficits between United States production and demand.

## New PGE Expansion Program

Announcement of a five-year, \$300,000,000 Pacific Gas and Electric Company expansion program was made recently by James B. Black, president, who disclosed that PGE had applied to the Federal Power Commission for a license to construct two new powerhouses on the Feather river. The program will add approximately one million horsepower to PGE's power capacity and will bring the total by the end of 1951 to over 3,500,000 horsepower. In addition to constructing new power plants, the company is undertaking a systemwide expansion of its transmission and distribution facilities.

## Easter Parade

SAN FRANCISCO (USLD)—Largest single gain in manufacturing employment in December was in the textile and apparel group, reflecting the beginning of the spring season, with 2,600,000 workers in December, about 17 per cent of the entire manufacturing labor force, is shown in figures of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

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## First Nominations of Labor Council Officers

On Friday night, January 17, the first call for nominations of officers were made and the following were nominated:

President—John F. Shelley.

Vice-President—Thomas A. Rotell.

Secretary-Treasurer—John A. O'Connell.

Sergeant-at-Arms—George Kelly.

Trustees—Minnette Fitzgerald, William Walsh, William Stratton.

Executive Committee—Arthur Dougherty, Edward McLaughlin, Hazel O'Brien, Helen Wheeler, Wendell Phillips, George Johns, Marguerite Finkenbinder, George Kelly, Jack Goldberger, Larry Vail, Anthony Battalini, Barney Lenhart, Russ Dreyer, Jack Maltester, Emmet Campian, Claude Fitch, Andy Ahern, John E. Byrnes, Bob Fulton, Thomas A. Rotell, Bertha Metro.

Organizing Committee—Joseph Piccini, Max Benkert, P. D. Lane, Silvio Giannini, Lawrence Bregante, John Hill, Minnette, Fitzgerald, Herman Kleist, Bob Patterson.

Law and Legislative Committee—Arthur Hare, Arthur Dougherty, Jackie Walsh, George Kyne, Jennie Matyas, A. Battalini.

Hall Association—For two unexpired terms: Tony Ballerini, John Bliotta, Jack Goldberger, Charles Crawford. For full three-year term: Arthur Dougherty, John F. Shelley, George Johns.

Directors of the Labor Clarion—R. W. Waterson, Walter Otto, John A. O'Connell, Fred Wettstein.

On Friday evening, January 24, the second call for nominations will be announced, after which nominations will be closed. Election of officers will be held on January 31.

## Million Women Quit

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—The Labor Department disclosed that 1,000,000 women workers left factories and office jobs last year to go back to their kitchens.

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## Jurisdictional Strikes

The American Federation of Labor shares President Truman's view on the evils of jurisdictional disputes. Whether these conflicts can be eliminated by new legislation outlawing jurisdictional strikes, as the Presidential message proposes, is another matter. Before Congress takes action, let's see what remedies have already been applied on Labor's own initiative.

In December, 1944, the AFL Metal Trades Department approved a formula which in effect outlaws jurisdictional strikes by action from within. A report, presented to the Metal Trades Convention last October in Chicago, dealt with the issue in these statesmanlike words:

*"For any of us to attempt to soothe our conscience with the threadbare declaration that 'jurisdictional disputes have always been with us and always will be' is an unsuccessful attempt to shirk our responsibilities. . . . Such reasoning likewise gives aid and comfort—yes, even tacit approval to those who indulge in outlaw or wildcat strikes instead of attempting to resolve the dispute by calm and judicial procedures. Every collective agreement is only as durable as the pledged honor and good faith of those who sign it. If contractual relations with employers are to endure . . . , then we are compelled to make good on our promises to the same extent that we insist upon the employer making good on his."*

The plan outlines a number of steps, designed to settle inter-union disputes without delay. It may well be simulated by other unions. For to admit, in the words of John P. Frey, president of the AFL Metal Trades Department, that a fair and practical method cannot be devised and applied, would be to confess that within our trade union movement we lack the capacity, the courage, or the vision to take up these major problems and work out their solution.

Organized Labor, it seems to us, ought to settle jurisdictional conflicts from within, perhaps as a voluntary first step before more comprehensive legislative measures go into effect. The Labor committee of the 80th Congress will be well advised to look into the precedent established by the AFL metal trades unions and see to what extent it can be made to apply to the national economy as a whole.

## What Next?

Moving pictures as a part of the regular service of a passenger train were introduced when a new film, "Swell Guy," a Mark Hellinger production was shown on the Chesapeake & Ohio's flyer, "The George Washington." Pictures will be shown twice a night aboard the train, Washington to Cincinnati express.

## It Says Here That . . .

Joe Roberts is contemplating purchasing elevator shoes; reason—Joe had to look up to a few of those tall glamazons who recently organized a Professional Models' Union, AFL . . . Jennie Matyas would look cute in hair ribbons despite her statement to the contrary to delegates of the Labor Council while debating a motion on January 17 . . . Mildred Gonzales, who joined the Labor Council office staff last week, has a pleasing personality and is not bad to look at, i.e., a redhead . . . Minnette Fitzgerald has been chosen by her union, Office Employees' No. 3, to represent them at the national convention of office employees to be held in Chicago during March . . . if possible, portal-to-portal pay should be given persons walking up those long flights of steps in the Labor Temple; 'tis hard work . . . Eleanor Nessier is now working temporarily for the Bartenders' Union . . . George Kelly had his hands full at the January 17 council meeting; delegates he had not seen for considerable time put in appearances and George, his delegate book and lead pencil got a real workout.

## TRADE UNIONS

By WILLIAM TRANT  
(Continued From Last Week)

The petition was as follows:—

*The Humble Petition of the Undersigned Members of the Society of . . . , assembling or meeting at (or in) . . . , in the Parish of . . . County:*

HUMBLY SHOWETH,—

That your petitioners have seen with deep concern that by the late decision of the Court of Queen's Bench, in the case of Hornby v. Close, this organization of working men, in common with nearly two thousand similar Associations throughout the United Kingdom, are deprived of all legal recognition, and of protection for our funds.

That such funds having been contributed, not merely for what we consider the legitimate protection of our trade interests, but also, and principally, for mutual help and support in seasons of adversity; your Petitioners humbly submit that such a state of the law is an injustice to us as members of the community, will tend to foster fraud and to discourage provident habits; and is, therefore, extremely undesirable to establish or maintain.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honorable House forthwith to enact such a law as will give to us, and the members of all such Societies, the same protection for their funds as are enjoyed by all other classes of her Majesty's subjects against fraud and dishonesty.

And your Petitioners will pray, etc.

There were many decisions given, too, by judges and minor magistrates that showed distinctly employers and operatives were not equal when standing before the seat of judgment. The law did not seem particularly just that would not allow men to "picket" in the tailors' strike, but which allowed the masters to address a circular to their fellow-employees (being members of the Master Tailors' Association), asking them not to employ certain unionist workmen named therein; nor does that decision (on the same dispute) seem a very wise one which, acknowledging that the simple act of one man persuading another is perfectly legal, yet stated that, because several men organized themselves to inform workmen that such and such a shop was on strike, they were deemed guilty of an offence against the law. Nor could right-minded men be brought to see the justice of that law which, while it only fined the master for breach of contract, imprisoned the servant for the same offence. It was not until 1871 that an Act was passed remedying these defects. The law on the subject even then was, unfortunately, very ambiguous and imperfect. The unjust, cruel, and blundering imprisonment of the gas stokers showed that there was still plenty of scope for cunning lawyers when pleading to an excited jury and before a prejudiced judge. As a matter of fact, the whole tendency of legislation for the men by the masters has ever been to keep wages low. Indeed, that has been the avowed object of the laws which have been passed. To counteract this, the unions were formed to keep them high, and we have the authority of a man who believed in a high moral standard that such conduct was praiseworthy. "If it were possible," wrote Mr. J. S. Mill, "for the working classes, by combining among themselves, to raise or keep up the general rate of wages, it need hardly be said that this would be a thing not to be punished, but to be welcomed and rejoiced at." The further improvements in the law in this respect will be noticed in due course.

At this time trade unions were regarded unfavorably by a large portion of the public, in consequence of what was known as the Sheffield outrages. "In order to compel men to join their unions and comply with the rules, a system had been adopted of taking away the tools and driving bands of independent or defaulting workmen, and this system had become so universal that when tools or bands had been stolen, the sufferers applied systematically to the secretary of the union to know on what terms the lost articles would be restored. But the unionists were not long content with this exercise of their power, and proceeded to the execution of a series of outrages and crimes which are perhaps almost without parallel in the history of communities supposed to be civilized. Masters and workmen who refused or failed to comply with their rules, were subjected to treatment of the most diabolical character. Their cattle were hamstringed, or otherwise mutilated, their ricks set on fire. They were shot at, and in one instance a master was killed by an air gun fired into a crowded room. Gunpowder was usually employed in the case of obnoxious workmen. Canisters were thrown down chimneys, bottles filled with the explosive, to which lighted fuses were attached, were thrown through windows of the workmen's dwelling houses, thus exposing women and children to its terrible effects. It was a common practice to place gunpowder in grinding troughs, which exploded as soon as work was commenced." In justice to the great body of workmen at Sheffield, it should be stated that these outrages were committed by a very few persons, and were at all times execrated by the great body

## Community Chest Information Service

By FRANK FITZGERALD

*Question*—We have such a desperate time making ends meet in our family that I planned to go back to work as soon as the baby reached nursery school age. Now that he is old enough to be eligible for nursery school, I find that there are no openings either in the public nurseries or Community Chest nurseries in the city.

*Answer*—The Department of Health, UNderhill 4701, occasionally has listings of homes offering foster day care. This type of care is less desirable, of course, than care by teachers especially trained in the supervision of young children. I would suggest that you try to find foster day care temporarily, and meanwhile place an application with the nursery school nearest your home. As you probably have noticed in the papers, emergency State support for the public nurseries has been extended to June 31 of this year. Unless the legislature before that time adopts legislation making nursery schools a permanent part of the public education program, the situation will be very difficult for mothers who must work. I would suggest that you write to your representative in the State legislature, explaining your problem, and urging his support of a permanent, State-financed nursery program.

## Letter to the Editor

EDITOR, LABOR CLARION:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous co-operation during the recent successful Archbishop Hanna Center for Boys capital building fund appeal. Your assistance enabled us to keep the volunteer workers in your community apprised of their progress in the drive, and stimulated those interested in the problems of youth to give generously to the campaign.

You will be interested to know that the most recent audit report indicates that the campaign goal of \$975,000 was exceeded by approximately 35 per cent. This would not have been possible unless the public was aware of a serious welfare problem, and your publication played an important part in conveying that information to the citizenry.

Building of the new Archbishop Hanna Center for Boys will begin as soon as materials are available.

VINCENT I. COMPAGNO, Campaign Chairman.

## Pictureless Cartoon

The Queen Bee is a hardy soul—  
She thumbs her nose at birth control;  
Which is the reason, beyond a doubt,  
There's so many sons of bees about.

## Wisdom

Truth is the summit of achievement; justice but the application of it to affairs.—Emerson.

## Curtin's Corner

By JOHN H. CURTIN

Member S. F. Typographical Union No. 21

Those employers who join hands with Communists in trying to destroy an American institution like Organized Labor should recall in time that these same divide-and-conquer tactics were used by another totalitarian party in destruction of both Labor and employers of Labor in former Axis countries.

*What I like about the United States: Politicians who can not stand public criticism very well do not hold public office very long!*

Some of our highways and streets these days are like the straight and narrow path . . . there is no place to park.

When the Big Three match wits, remember what happens to the outsider when three folks match coins.

Women don't dislike women . . . they dislike competition.

## FABLE OF FAME

There was once a Boxer, clever fistic finger fast who never seemed to let the other fellow land a blow. He had lots of jabs and crosses, but they all were total losses when it came to pleasing John and Missus Doe. There was once a gusty Geezer who could take it on the beezee and hit just like the well-known ton of rock. Though the wise guys bashed his ears, he drew down the coin and cheers, for the heavy dough was paid to see him sock. Now the moral is: If ever you are tempted to be clever, beware before your boasted bridges burn, for in fooling or in fighting, cutting paper dolls . . . or writing . . . don't try to teach them more than they can learn!

of the working classes. Out of sixty trade unions, then in existence, twelve were implicated in these outrages, and of these it was shown on inquiry that the greater proportion of the members knew nothing of the actions of their officers.

(Continued Next Week)



## Bay Area Labor Week

**JANUARY 15**—Cannery Workers' Union will present new contract to cannery operators . . . retail meat dealers met to consider new wage proposals presented by butchers' union.

**JANUARY 16**—Taxicab drivers from Daly City to Palo Alto awarded \$1 per day increase, or \$7 per day . . . one redwood lumber operator blocked conference looking toward settlement of Northern California lumber strike; could not agree on basis of negotiations.

**JANUARY 17**—Tannery workers' union preparing to take action following rejection of 30 cents hourly wage increase demands . . . teamsters strike of United Engineering Alameda plant settled; James E. Rickets elected president of San Francisco Building Trades and Construction Council, succeeding Dewey Mead.

**JANUARY 18**—New negotiations between Lumber and Sawmill Workers' Union and redwood lumber companies will get underway January 30 . . . wage increase demands of tanners became deadlocked and U. S. Conciliator William M. Foley enters dispute; workers will protect leather by processing until it is non-perishable; no S. F. Labor Council strike sanction sought as of this date.

**JANUARY 19**—Tannery Workers will strike six Bay Area chrome and tanbark tanneries following breakdown of wage demands; union originally asked for 30 cents an hour increase, later trimming it down to 17 cents an hour; employers countered with 12 cents an hour increase.

**JANUARY 20**—A new AFL union is in the making as the result of a unanimous vote by local professional models who will apply for an AFL charter in the near future . . . approximately 450 tannery workers strike five Bay Area and one Santa Cruz tannery over wage demands.

**JANUARY 21**—Application to the AFL for a charter was forwarded to Washington on behalf of local professional models, recently organized under AFL banner . . . conciliation meeting arranged in tannery workers' strike . . . furniture salesmen's wages increased to \$280 monthly for 45-hour week and a 41½-hour week for office workers.

## National Social Hygiene Day

**SAN FRANCISCO (CFLN)** — Pointing out that venereal disease has long been on Labor's unfair list and that the trade unions have an honored place in the nation's fight to stamp out VD, the American Social Hygiene Association invites Labor unions to participate in a National Social Hygiene Day observance, which will take place this year on Wednesday, February 5. Unions are urged to place on their agenda the matter of participating in and initiating social hygiene day programs. Wherever possible, it is recommended to hold in-plant meetings so that the employees may be reached with the social hygiene message. Additional information and material to help build a successful social hygiene day observance can be obtained from the American Social Hygiene Association, 1790 Broadway, New York 19, New York.

## Record Glass Output

**NEW YORK CITY (AFLN)**—An unprecedented demand for glass in the building industry last year brought into play reserve production facilities boosting output to a new peak, it was reported here by the Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co. The company announced production of a record volume of polished plate glass and window glass, in addition to safety glass for automotive requirements.

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## State Labor Federation Legislative Program Set

**SACRAMENTO (CFLN)**—C. J. Haggerty, secretary, California State Federation of Labor, has announced that the federation will not participate in the "second Statewide legislative conference to develop a unified legislative program for the people of California," which has been called in Sacramento in February. Secretary Haggerty pointed out that the California State Federation of Labor is proceeding this year as it always has in co-operation with the Joint Labor Committee, including the Railroad Brotherhoods, in presenting and fighting for a comprehensive legislative program that will benefit Labor throughout the State.

The federation's pledged legislative program has been formulated by the 2,000 delegates who attended the last convention of the California State Federation of Labor in San Francisco, and it is the federation's policy not to ally itself with the CIO or any dual organization that would jeopardize the integrity of the federation's legislative program.

Any local union which desires the introduction of legislation which has not been included in the action of the convention is always free to submit such proposals to the Federation's Legislative Committee, whose headquarters are in Sacramento.

At no time can the federation afford to lose its identity and subordinate its program to any conference, and it does not intend to participate in such gatherings because of the obvious disadvantages involved. Because the federation is determined to maintain its program and effectiveness intact, it is reaffirming the position it has always taken in the past in its legislative work.

## Indiana Labor Editor Dies

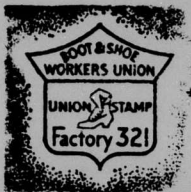
**MICHIGAN CITY, Ind. (AFLN)**—Frank Hopkins, 42, editor of the *Indiana Labor Beacon*, died suddenly here of coronary thrombosis. Shortly before his death he had returned to his home from his office complaining of a pain in his chest. Mr. Hopkins' editorials in the *Indiana Labor Beacon* were widely reprinted and his art work was well known throughout Labor circles. His cartoon practice appearing in the *Beacon* was known as "Gertie and Mae," two shop girls, and "The Gripe Brothers," two gloomy factory hands. Unmarried, Mr. Hopkins took an active interest in Boy Scout activities, first as Scout then as Scout Master.

## Rent Control to End

**WASHINGTON (AFLN)**—Rent control on accommodations for transients in hotels, motor courts and trailer camps will end February 15, Major General Philip B. Fleming, director of the Office of Temporary Controls, announced here. This action is expected to free an estimated 1,500,000 rooms across the Nation from rent restrictions imposed during the war.

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## Resolution

The following resolution was adopted by the delegates of the San Francisco Labor Council on January 17 without dissenting vote following introduction by Tony Costa, secretary-treasurer of Chauffeurs' Union, No. 265:

*Whereas*, The Congress of the United States has from time to time been in the position of enacting laws, some of which have been harmful to Labor, and

*Whereas*, To combat these harmful laws pertaining to Labor, Labor unions have had to spend vast sums of money and personal contacts, and

*Whereas*, The Congress of the United States now in session has for its consideration many bills that are not only harmful to the Labor unions, but the very existence of the unions depends on whether or not these vicious anti-Labor laws are adopted, such as the Senator Ball bill banning the closed shop in all working agreements; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That all the unions of this Council, through their officers, write or wire their respective representatives in Congress requesting them to oppose these vicious anti-Labor bills.

TONY COSTA.

## Did You Notice This?

**SAN FRANCISCO (USLD)**—For the week ending January 11, 1947, average prices of commodities other than farm products and foods were 1.7 per cent above mid-December and 24.1 per cent above a year ago, according to Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor. Farm products declined 0.2. Group index shows farm products 1.7 per cent lower than a month earlier and 27.5 above corresponding week of last year. On the average food prices were 2.0 per cent below mid-December and 46.9 per cent above mid-January, 1946. Meats, dairy and cereal products were up.

## Quebec Organizing Drive

**SAN FRANCISCO (CFLN)**—Plans for the campaign have been prepared to organize the unorganized workers in the Province of Quebec and bring them into the fold of the AFL, by the Quebec Provincial Federation of Labor, and has been endorsed by William Green, president of the AFL, and Percy R. Bengough, president, Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. Only approximately 18 per cent of the working population in Quebec is organized in Labor unions. This includes the workers in Catholic Labor unions as well as company unions.



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## Run o' the Hook

By G. M. BAKER,

President of Typographical Union No. 21

Joseph George (Joe) Rickard, member of the ITU for more than 65 years, died at his home in this city on Monday. Joe, known to three generations of union printers throughout the Western States, had for the past decade been on the pension roll. A native of Healdsburg, Joe joined St. Paul union in 1881, the day after the assassination of President Garfield. Funeral services under the auspices of the union, were held on Tuesday at the Reilly mortuary, with later interment in Cypress Lawn.

David Hughes, for many years a member of No. 21, passed away at his home on Wednesday, January 15. The deceased member, a native of Wales, was well known to many of our members. Mr. Hughes is survived by his widow, Jane Hughes; two sons and one daughter. Funeral services were held on Friday, January 17, at Gray's Mortuary under the auspices of Crockett Lodge, F. & A.M.

"Bob" Vernor (*Examiner chapel*) suffered an attack of acute bronchitis early last week and on Tuesday, January 14, was taken to the Poly Clinic, where it was necessary to administer oxygen. The treatment was quite effective, recovery being so rapid that at the week end, there was a prospect that Bob would be able to return to his home.

709 Mission street will be the address of the union after January 27. The offices will occupy the entire eighth floor of the building at the corner of Third and Mission, with the entrance at the address given. We have been informed that the union's present telephone number may be retained.

The sympathy of the membership is extended to Irving Sage (*Daily Pacific Builder chapel*) in his bereavement following the untimely death of his wife, Agnes. Also surviving is a son, Stanley.

Senator Smith of New Jersey has announced that a bill is being prepared, which, if enacted into federal law, would "require that every element of . . . working conditions be placed on the bargaining table" in collective bargaining between employers and unions and banning the practice of "declaring union laws non-arbitrable." Senator Smith also announced that, like the Ball Bill, the measure being prepared would forbid the "closed shop."

Despite the settlement of the printers' strike in Rochester, New York, on January 6, the newspapers of that city had not, a week later, resumed publication. After Rochester union had been on strike for more than eight weeks, the original offer of the publishers of \$74 for day work and \$79 for night work, made at the start of negotiations last November, was accepted by the printers, but the other mechanical unions were, at last reports, insisting upon full payment for wages lost during the suspension before they would return to work and thus make resumption of publication possible.

Paul Booth (*Rotary Colorprint*) last week received a letter from his daughter, Katherine, now associated with an American airline and stationed in Shanghai, China, teaching flying. The letter carried \$4,700 in Chinese postage. That's real inflation, Bud, for that "small fortune" in postage was equivalent to just 70 cents of American money.

The membership, at the January meeting ordered \$500 sent to the polio fund. One-half (\$250) will be sent through the Labor Council and an equal amount will be forwarded directly to the San Francisco Chapter of the fund.

Owing to removal of headquarters over the week end, the officers of the Chairman's Forum deemed it advisable to postpone the next meeting, until the union had become located in the new quarters at 709 Mission street. Due notice of the date of the next chairmen's meeting will be given by the forum officers.

The union will be in its new headquarters at 709 Mission street next week. It will no longer be possible to have "inter-communicating" telephone service. GARfield 6722 will be retained for direct connection with the secretary-treasurer and the telephone into the president's office will be GARfield 6723.

## Hawaii Okehs ILO Programs

SAN FRANCISCO (USLD)—Joseph R. Farrington, delegate from Hawaii to the January meeting of the International Labor Organization, has joined with representatives of the U.S. Departments of Labor, State and the Interior, on recommendations for proposed standards for social and labor legislation in non-metropolitan territories.

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## Woman's Auxiliary No. 21 to S. F. Typographical Union No. 21

By J. ANN MCLEOD

The Auditing Committee of Woman's Auxiliary No. 21 to San Francisco Typographical Union, No. 21, met at the home of Chairman Myrtle Bardsley, Friday evening, January 17. Due to the absence of our president, Mrs. Loraine Kriese, the executive committee held no meeting in January. Vice-President Mary E. Haines was unable to get a quorum together. The members of the committee were either sick or otherwise busy. The regular meeting was held Tuesday evening, January 21, in the Red Men's Building. President Loraine Kriese officiated.

After an absence of five weeks, John and Loraine Kriese were glad to get back to San Francisco. In spite of the prevailing cold weather, they reported that the weather in Texas and on the way home was much colder, ice and snow covering the roads and the temperature at zero in many places. They got home Wednesday, January 15. Loraine's mother is much improved and able to do little jobs around the house.

Our sincere congratulations to Joseph P. Bailey on his appointment to the San Francisco Library Commission. We are happy that he is receiving recognition for his hard work and sincere efforts in union Labor affairs. It is nice that his appointment should come at the time his parents and sister are visitors at his home. The honor should make them very proud.

George Reynolds, of the Rotary Color Print, will be cooking his own meals for a few days. Florence left Monday for a visit with relatives in Modesto.

Mr. Gary Helms of the *Call-Bulletin* is able to be up and walk about his room in St. Francis Hospital but there is nothing definite as to when he will be able to go home.

Vice-President Betsy Haines reported that her father, Bob Verner, was hospitalized for a few days. He had a very bad cold and it was feared he might have pneumonia. He and his granddaughter, Shirley Ann Haines, both have a very bad cough. We hope they will be well soon.

Eldon Ann McLeod is suffering from acute tonsilitis and earache. This is a bad time for her to be ill since next week is final examinations at San Francisco Junior College.

A note from Mrs. Gertrude Wiles wishing all the members of WA 21 a happy and successful new year.

Many thanks to Mrs. Helen Palmiter for her donation of used Christmas cards for the kids in the hospitals.

## Union Printers Golf Association

By S. HANK SCHOTT

Well, here we are starting a brand new year and already our first tournament is a thing of the past, not played, mind you, but past. So now all we have to do is get in the biggest and best turnouts the next ten months. And, by the way, do you have your new 1947 membership card? Better get that blue pasteboard while the getting is good.

"Mayor" Kimbrough, "Doc" Schmeider and Ron Cameron were flashing their '47 cards for all to see. And very proud they were, too.

Don't forget the second Sunday in February is the next tournament date. The calendar says that will be February 9. Play will be either at Sharp or Crystal, depending on what arrangements can be made in the meantime. Hope to have definite word for you next week as to the place. But the date remains the same—February 9 and 10:30 a.m. on the tee!

The "Three Street Slickers" have been seen getting in their links at Sharp on Mondays. And from the observers' vantage point some mighty good shots were seen leaving the clubhouse. The canny Scotsman especially, was sizzling with a 41-42 recently, but he was moaning about not getting his putts down. Too bad, and he taped together and with iodine stains all over his hands. Says he fell off the roof. He has a hard time summoning enough strength to push his new caddy cart up to the twelfth hole, and it's such a pretty thing—does everything but wash balls and keep score—a Christmas present, too!

Also ran into a report that Ben Apte has lost the use of his car temporarily. Seems that all that ails the old heap is a burned out battery, a wrecked transmission and the clutch no longer functions. But Ben hasn't lost hope. Has the old wagon in the hands of expert repairmen and when the old heap again starts to roll Ben will be back on the fairways. Or so he says. Even though he was seen only a couple of weeks ago in the company of Earl Mead, Howard Watson and others, hacking his way around the beach layout which has come to be known as the Printers' Paradise.

And more news: Charley White, good old Charley, is now the secretary of the Sharp Park Golf Club and keener than a Blue Blade for his tasks. Charley is a hustler and will do his best to put the sagging club back on firm footing. Good luck, Charles!

And no one would ever guess the weather wasn't all that it should be from the turnout over the week

## Mailers' Notes

By LEROY C. SMITH

There was a 50 per cent attendance of the membership at last Sunday's union meeting, held at Carpenter's Hall in Oakland. Noticeable was the keen interest shown by those in attendance in the proceedings coming before the meeting. Reports of officers and delegates were unanimously approved and adopted. Unanimously approved, also, was the new newspaper agreement, as proposed by the negotiation committee. Major changes included a new wage scale, retroactive to December 2, of \$71.15 per week, days, and \$76.15 per week, nights; three weeks' vacation for members with 25 months priority from effective date of revised wage rates; observance of holidays falling on Fridays, previously expected.

Basils for a new commercial agreement to succeed the contract expiring January 31, was also approved. Voluntary donation at the meeting to the "March of Dimes," totaled \$45.00. Secretary-treasurer Bailey's report showed present membership to be 174 journeymen with seven apprentices, with everything running harmoniously in the various chapels and also in relations between the newspaper publishers and the union.

Ex-president Harry I. Christie, legislative representative of the California Printing Trades at the State legislature at Sacramento, drove down from Sacramento to attend the union meeting to extend "salutations and greetings" to his old "side-kicks," or former co-workers, and make the acquaintance of the new generation of the membership. Harry, or "the Doc," (as he is familiarly known to most of "the boys") was in his usual jocular mood, and made an interesting talk on the "trials and tribulations" that beset a Labor sessioning representative before the State "solons," at the State capitol. But expressed himself as confident that, with unity of all union Labor solidly backing up their representatives in their practical, yet progressing-minded program against its enemies, political and otherwise, that Organized Labor would win out in the end. His speech received great applause.

Communication was read by Secretary-treasurer Bailey from Thomas F. ("Senator") Burns, (first president of No. 18), now undergoing treatment for fractured thigh at Union Printers' Home. Tom says the doctors at the Home "don't miss nothing" when it comes to giving a patient the "once over," or a physician's "check-up." He was loud in his praises of the Home, which exceeded his most sanguine expectations of the care and treatment the Home provides for printer and mailer members of the ITU. George Livingston, of *Daily News* chapel, is confined in the sanitarium at the Home; no visitors permitted; but is reported as convalescent from a lung ailment.

Alfred F. O'Neil, former president and secretary-treasurer of No. 18, has been confined at home with a throat ailment the past two weeks. His condition is reported as responding to treatment, and he anticipates returning to work in a couple of weeks.

Ray Gaskill of *Call-Bulletin* chapel, has the misfortune in having to undergo an operation again for hernia on the "other side" of his anatomy. He is reported as resting comfortably from a successful operation for the ailment. His philosophy is, "can't keep a good man down;" not for long, anyway, and that's half the battle in any illness; or, as a doctor advises, "don't worry." I'll do the worrying for you, but try it, when one is, as they say—"hors de combat."

end at Sharp. I must be in a rut, I can't seem to find out anything about any one that didn't happen at this popular layout. Nevertheless, word has come through that "Steamie" Nicholson, the old pres., and Howard Watson, his saw-cut thumb all healed, and Percy Crebassa and Charles White and Art Linkous, and Ted Van Hook and maybe one or two others whose names escape us for the moment, were digging vicious divots and even replacing some of them only last Sunday.

Wonder whatever happened to old Paul Elijah Gallagher, our ex-president. Don't tell me that State printing takes all a man's time. Surely is entitled to a day off now and then to get in a few links at the old pastime. But then, could be that Paul Elijah is now playing at Del Paso in Sac. and when he next shows up at a printer affair may win back some of those dimes he lost to the slickers who took him in days gone by. Things like that have happened before.

Haven't had any word as yet from Secretary Bob Smith, but there should be a board meeting pretty soon and maybe we'll be able to gather a few more notes about some of the boys who aren't mentioned here. Lots of the members, no doubt, get out and play, but there doesn't seem to be any tattlers around when they do, so they don't receive the mention the showoffs do. But we'll get around to more later!

## Industrial Tops

SAN FRANCISCO (USLD)—December employment in non-agricultural establishments in the United States reached 40,918,000, the highest point on record, 79,000 above the December 1943 peak.

Labor Clarion



## S.F. Labor Council

Secretary's Office and Headquarters:  
Labor Temple, 2940 Sixteenth Street (Room 214)  
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The Labor Council meets every Friday at 8 p. m., at the Labor Temple. The Executive and Arbitration Committee meets every Monday, at 8 p. m. The Organizing Committee meets every Friday at 7:30 p. m. The Union Label Section meets the first Wednesday of every month, at 7:30 p. m.

### SYNOPSIS OF MEETING OF THE SAN FRANCISCO LABOR COUNCIL, HELD FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 1947.

Meeting was called to order at 8:15 p. m. by President Shelley.

#### ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS—All present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**—Minutes of previous meeting approved as printed in the Labor Clarion.

**CREDENTIALS**—Referred to the Organizing Committee: Cloakmakers', No. 8, Norman Levine; Brewery Drivers, Helpers and Distributors, No. 888, Martin Christen, Clarence Hock, Tony Ricci, Joseph Shea; Brotherhood of Teamsters and Auto Truck Drivers, No. 85, John Boden, Allan A. Cameron, James F. Cronin, Lawrence Fitzgerald, Philip Gallagher, Herman J. Kleist, Edward J. McLaughlin, John P. McLaughlin, John A. O'Connell, William Stratton; Musicians', No. 6, Ed. S. Moore, Eddie T. Burns, G. "Jules" Spiller, Peter Butti, Joe Mendel, Harry A. Mason, Joe Figone, "Bill" William Catalano, Art Weidner, A. Jack Haywood; United Garment Workers, No. 131, Nellie Casey, Kathryn Granville, Lillie Rogers, Isabel Montalvo, Delia Gordon, Mayme Graham, Elizabeth Poysell; Retail Shoe and Textile Salesmen, No. 410, James Dwyer, William Silverstein, Wallace Pierce, Al Rehfeld; Photo Engravers', No. 8, Louis Harder; Boilermakers', No. 6, C. Fasset, J. B. Landau, J. Ritchey, J. Kane, E. Medley; Hotel Service Workers', No. 283, Bessie McMillen, Sadie Burns; Printing Specialties and Paper Converters, No. 362, Jack D. Maltester, Mark J. Fiore, Lillian Compagno, Lee Roy Risdon, James Kennedy, Wm. Cline, Eugene Chiesa, Peter Riordan, Harry Lyon and Paul Thiebaut.

**REPORT OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**—(Meeting held Friday, January 17, 1947.) Meeting was called to order at 7:20 p. m. Roll was called and absentees noted. The following were examined and having been found to possess the necessary qualifications, were recommended by your committee to be seated as delegates to this Council: Grocery Clerks, No. 648, Robert Hunter, John J. Ragusin, Claude H. Jinkerson, Maurice Hartshorn, George Kent, Albert Groth; Department Store Employees, No. 1100, Leona Graves, Christine Davies, Pearl Gilmore, Mary Grant, John Blaiotta, Elinor Rolando, Florence Rapport; Bakery Wagon Drivers, No. 484, Clarence J. Walsh, Bartholomew Speciale, George Robert, Paul Code, Frank Bodwin, John F. Shelley; Warehousemen, No. 860, Ray Johnson, Daniel Flanagan; Fire Fighters, No. 798, Bernard B. Lenhart, Ermon Gillenbeck, Adolph Penebsky, Leon E. Moffatt; Elevator Operators and Starters, No. 117, S. C. Spencer, John Salomone, Philip Deredi, Frank Gutzman; Barbers', No. 148, Ludwig Keller, R. Alario; Furniture Workers, No. 3141, Louis Burke; United Garment Cutters, No. 45, Andy Ahern; Upholsterers', No. 28, Sidney King; Sailors' Union of the Pacific, Al Maniscalco; Carpenters', No. 483, Karl Stake; Hotel Service Workers, No. 283, Marie Stephens; Cleaning and Dye House Workers, No. 7, Belle S. Dutton, and Masters, Mates and Pilots, No. 40, Capt. George Harris. Meeting adjourned at 8 p. m. (Report of the committee was concurred in as a whole.)

**COMMUNICATIONS**—Filed: From California State Federation of Labor, Weekly News Letter, dated January 15, 1947. From the San Francisco Chapter, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis showing how the monies contributed are used to help local victims requiring financial assistance. From San Francisco Labor Council Hall Association calling attention to the fact that terms expire for some of the directors and it will be necessary to hold nominations. From the Hospital and Institutional Workers' Union, No. 250, expressing appreciation for the presentation made to the Civil Service Commission regarding Salary Standardization. From the Council of City Employees expressing appreciation for the assistance given by the officers of the Council in the recent hearing before the Civil Service Commission regarding salary standardization.

**BILLS** were read, approved by the trustees and ordered paid.

**DONATIONS**—To the "March of Dimes": Bakery Wagon Drivers, No. 484, \$100; Operating Engineers, No. 3—\$10; and Hotel Service Workers, No. 283, \$50. To the "Archbishop Hanna Center for Boys": Bakery Wagon Drivers, No. 484, \$100; Auto Mechanics, No. 1305, \$50; Ice Wagon Drivers, No. 519, \$25; Boilermakers, No. 6, \$1,000, and Hotel Service Workers, No. 283, \$50. To the "Community Chest": Hotel Service Workers, No. 283, \$200. To the "Sister Kenny Fund": Hotel Service Workers, No. 283, \$50.

**RESOLUTIONS**—Resolution submitted by Delegate A. G. Costa, Chauffeurs' Union, Local No. 265, asking that all unions of the Council write or wire their representatives in congress requesting them to oppose vicious anti-Labor bills, particularly the Senator Ball bill. Resolution adopted. (See Labor Clarion.) Proposed constitutional amendment to Article 3, Section 2, submitted in the form of a resolution setting forth conditions under which an elected officer of the Council may hold office, held over from January 10 meeting, motion to adopt amendment lost by an overwhelming majority. A standing vote was called for and 14 delegates voted in favor of the amendment.

**REFERRED TO THE LABOR CLARION**—From the California State Federation of Labor enclosing forms to be used in claiming disability insurance under the Workmen's Compensation Laws. From Charles P. Scully, attorney for the California State Federation of Labor enclosing the same form mentioned above.

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**—Meeting was called to order at 8 p. m. by President Shelley. Roll was called and absentees noted. In the matter of the letter from the Organizational Strategy Committee requesting reply to their letter of December 27, 1946, in which an invitation was extended to President Shelley to appear at the regular meeting of the Committee held January 7, 1947: Brothers Flanagan and Roberts, president and director of the Organizational Strategy Committee, were present and explained the activities of the Committee. After a lengthy discussion, Brothers Flanagan and Roberts agreed that this letter should be referred back to the Organizational Strategy Committee. (Letter referred to committee.)

In the matter referred to the executive committee by action of the Council at last Friday's meeting relating to a request from a committee of the Conference of Studio Unions of Hollywood for credentials from this Council which would enable them to appear before our affiliated unions and explain the present legal situation existing in Los Angeles county and ask for financial assistance in their court fights. The Conference of Studio Unions was represented by Brother Andy Lawless and Sister Margaret Fodor. Brothers Ward and Billingsly and a committee were present representing the IATSE, whose unions had been involved in a jurisdictional dispute with the Conference of Studio Unions

## Men of Forty Reported Finding Work Scarce

PHILADELPHIA (ILNS)—The days of quick employment for men over 40 are just about over, says Harry A. Beach, former president of the Forty Plus organization.

He reported that his organization, established to obtain employment for older men, had been almost dormant during World War II, but kept its office open.

"It's a good thing that we did," he added. "Men whose only fault is being 40 or over are finding it hard to get employment. The demands for assistance in landing jobs are increasing daily."

## New ILO Press Chief

WASHINGTON (USLD)—Selden Menefee, Washington correspondent of the *Christian Science Monitor*, and *Washington Post* columnist, has been appointed chief of the International Labor Organization's new Public Information Division, with headquarters in Montreal. Menefee, was graduated from the University of Washington and took degrees in psychology and sociology. He was also an instructor at the University of Washington for several years. He will direct the press section at the ILO Petroleum Conference in Los Angeles early in February.

In Hollywood. The entire background of this situation was gone into at great length and your committee was definitely of the opinion that this council cannot afford to take sides supporting any group of AFL unions against other AFL unions in a dispute over jurisdiction. Nevertheless, your committee recognizes inherent danger to the entire Labor Movement that exists in the present technique being used by the Courts in Los Angeles County. Your committee feels that anything we can do to support the fight now being waged by the California State Federation of Labor, the Los Angeles Central Labor Council and the Conference of Studio Unions, against the possibility of the courts using the in-junctive procedure and conspiracy charges to cripple the Labor Movement, is a responsibility we should undertake. Your committee therefore recommends that this Council declare itself as (1) unalterably opposed to the use of the injunction in Labor disputes, (2) that the officers of the Council be instructed to send a letter to our affiliated unions acquainting them with the present existing court fights in Los Angeles courts, and recommending that those who wish to contribute finances to assist Labor in this legal fight against anti-Labor procedure by the courts should forward such funds to the San Francisco Labor Council. (3) That President Shelley, who has discussed the matter with Brother Neil Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, and Brother Bassett of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, be instructed to work out with Brothers Haggerty and Bassett a method whereby any funds so raised can be put to the best use in Labor's fight in the court against these injunctions, and to assist the fight now being made by the attorneys in Los Angeles against the conspiracy charges now pending.

In the matter of the City Planning Commission being requested by a party by the name of Freeman to change the zoning classification on property located at Sixteenth street and South Van Ness avenue from commercial to industrial; this matter was brought to the attention of the committee by the hall association. Your committee recommends that the Council protest changing the zoning of this property.

## Meat Workers Hit Portal Pay Suits

CHICAGO (ILNS)—The Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen has directed local unions not to file portal-to-portal pay suits. A letter signed by Earl W. Jimerson, president, and Patrick E. Gorman, secretary-treasurer, said:

"Our organization should not now besmirch its fine record of fair dealing and fair play by filing numerous damage suits against employers over the portal-to-portal pay question, especially when neither side could anticipate these issues when collective bargaining agreements were consummated in good faith."

President Jimerson declared the court actions strike "below the belts" of employers. He added:

"Our union will not and local unions should not engage in portal-to-portal suits against our friendly employers which might cause them to join forces, in retaliation, with those who enslave us."

## Candy Workers' Election

Owing to difficulties encountered in tabulating the vote of Candy and Glace Fruit Workers' Union, No. 158, the complete result of the election was not available as we closed copy for this issue. It is expected that the final results will be known next week.

In the matter of the YWCA Round-the-World Reconstruction Fund Campaign in the Bay area, requesting that the Council endorse this campaign, your committee recommends that this request be filed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 p. m. (Report of the committee was concurred in as a whole.)

**REPORTS OF UNIONS**—Brother George Johns reported on the drug store strike. He said that his group appreciated what is being done by the entire Labor Movement and that the picket lines are being respected by the general public. Brother Ballerini reported from Machinists', No. 1327, that they had just negotiated successfully for an 18 cents across-the-board raise, and that they were glad to be back in affiliation with the Council after a long time being absent.

**NOMINATIONS**—Nominations for officers were called for and the following were nominated: President—John F. Shelley. Vice-President—Thomas A. Rotell. Secretary-Treasurer—John A. O'Connell. Sergeant-at-Arms—George Kelly. Trustees—Minnette Fitzgerald, William Walsh, William Stratton. Executive Committee—Arthur Dougherty, Edward McLaughlin, Hazel O'Brien, Helen Wheeler, Wendell Phillips, George Johns, Marguerite Finkenbinder, George Kelly, Jack Goldberger, Larry Vail, Anthony Battalini, Barney Lenhart, Russ Dreyer, Jack Maltester, Emmett Campion, Claude Fitch, Andy Ahern, John E. Byrnes, Bob Fulton, Thomas A. Rotell, Bertha Metro. Organizing Committee—Joseph Piccini, Max Benkert, P. D. Lane, Silvio Giannini, Lawrence Bregante, John Hill, Minnette Fitzgerald, Herman Kleist, Bob Patterson, Law and Legislative Committee—Arthur Hare, Arthur Dougherty, Jackie Walsh, George Kyne, Jennie Matyas, A. Battalini, Hall Association—For the unexpired terms: Tony Ballerini, John Blaiotta, Jack Goldberger, Charles Crawford. For the full three-year term: Arthur Dougherty, John F. Shelley, George Johns, Directors of the Labor Clarion—R. W. Waterson, Walter Otto, John A. O'Connell and Fred Wettstein.

Receipts, \$3,570.00; disbursements, \$433.19.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 p. m.

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## WE DON'T PATRONIZE LIST

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Adam Hat Stores, Inc., 844 Market, 119 Kearny.

Advance Pattern Company, 552 Mission.

Austin Studio, 833 Market.

Becker Distributing Company.

Bruener, John, Company.

B & G Sandwich Shops.

California Watch Case Company.

California Chocolates Company, 137 Grant avenue.

Chan Quon, photo engraver, 680 Clay.

Curtis Publishing Co. (Philadelphia), publishers of "Saturday Evening Post," "Ladies' Home Journal," "Country Gentleman," "Holiday."

Doran Hotels (include St. Regis, 85 Fourth St.; Mint, 141 Fifth St.; Hale, 939 Mission St.; Land, 936 Mission St.; Hillsdale, 51 Sixth St.; Grand Central,

1412 Market St., and the Ford Apartments, 957 Mission St.).

Drake Cleaners and Dyers.

Farmer Bros.' Coffee

Forreder Cornice Works, 269 Potrero.

Gantner & Mattern, 1453 Mission.

Gates Rubber Company, 2700 - 16th St.

General Distillers, Ltd., 136 Front St.

Goldstone Bros., Manufacturers of overalls and working men's clothing.

Lucerne Apartments, 766 Sutter.

National Beauty Salon, 207 Powell.

O'Keefe-Merritt Stove Co., Products, Los Angeles.

Pacific Label Company, 1150 Folsom.

Remington-Rand, Inc., 509 Market.

Romaine Photo Studio, 220 Jones.

Royal Typewriter Company, 153 Kearny.

Sealey Mattress Company, 6699 San Pablo Ave., Oakland.

Shangra-La Beauty Salon, 1677 Washington.

Sloane, W. & J.

Smith, L. C., Typewriter Company, 545 Market.

Speed-E Menu Service, 693 Mission.

Stanford University Hospital, Clay and Webster.

Sutro Baths and Skating Rink.

Swift & Co.

"Time" and "Life" (magazines), products of the unfair Donnelley firm (Chicago).

Underwood Typewriter Company, 531 Market.

All non-union independent taxicabs.

Barber Shops that do not display the shop card of the Journeymen Barbers' Union are unfair.

Beauty Shops that do not display the shop card of the Hair-

dressers and Cosmetologists' Department of the Journeymen Barbers' International Union of America are unfair.

Locksmith Shops which do not display the union shop card of Federated Locksmiths No. 1331 are unfair.



## Pharmacists' Refute Drug Company's Suit

If the suit filed by the United-Rexall Drug Company is designed for publicity purposes, as it apparently is, then, of course, it is understandable although scarcely commendable. However, as a serious complaint in damages at law, the sworn statements of the United-Rexall Drug Company are truly startling in the light of the facts.

Throughout the entire controversy affecting the Owl-Sontag-Rexall stores in San Francisco, the gentlemen who have claimed to be the authorized representatives of the employer of our members in these stores have at all times represented themselves as officials of the United-Rexall Drug Company. These employer representatives have officially stated to the union that the United-Rexall Drug Company is the owner and operator of these Owl-Sontag stores. It is now contended with complete inconsistency in a sworn complaint by other officials of this same United-Rexall Drug Company that the company has no labor dispute with its employees and, therefore, the Pharmacists' Union, whose members are now on strike, has no right to place pickets at the company's warehouses.

In maintaining this picket line against the United-Rexall Drug Company, admittedly the employer of the striking members of the Pharmacists' Union, the union is merely seeking to prosecute the strike and protect the jobs of the strikers according to legal procedures recognized by the courts for a hundred years in this country. Having been unable to force its will upon its employees by economic pressure, and being unwilling to bargain collectively with the representatives of those employees for the 40-hour week, which has been accepted by the entire drug industry in San Francisco, the United-Rexall Drug Company now seeks by this suit and other means to confuse the public concerning the true issues of this dispute. We do not expect this maneuver to succeed. Public support for the Owl strikers in their struggle for the 40-hour week has been magnificent and with such continued assistance we are confident that it is only a question of time before the United-Rexall Drug Company will decide that it should conform to the standard agreement for the drug industry in San Francisco providing for the 40-hour week at no increase in the weekly pay of \$43 for the employees.

## U. S. Drops 317 for Disloyalty

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—Formal report of the Civil Service Commission revealed that 317 of 580 persons rated as "ineligible on disloyalty grounds" for government jobs were either members of the Communist Party or active followers of the Communist "party line." The commission disclosed that 355 persons were ruled off the Federal payroll in 1944, 144 more in 1945 and 81 last year on grounds of disloyalty.

## Are You Interested?

The North Beach Renters' and Landlords' Committee will hold its first meeting Monday, January 27, at 8 p.m., at the Telegraph Hill Neighborhood House, 1736 Stockton street. All North Beach residents are invited to attend. This committee is anxious to get together all renters and landlords who want to keep rent controls.

## U. S. Bakery Sales High

CHICAGO (AFLN)—Bakery goods sold in the last year reached a total of approximately \$2,500,000,000, it was announced here by Harry W. Zinsmaster, chairman of the Board of Governors of the American Bakers' Association.

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